KEKULI BAY PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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The **primary purpose** of Kekuli Bay Park is to provide a range of outdoor recreation opportunities for Highway 97 corridor travellers and Vernon area residents.

The 57 hectare park is located on the west side of Kalamalka Lake about 11 km south of Vernon. Much of its more useable land has been developed. Facilities include a boat launch, 70 campsites and a small campers' beach. The park is the primary boat-access point to the lake and the launch is well-used. The campground is part of a system of camping and day use parks serving the Okanagan valley, a major tourist destination. Along with Ellison Park, Kekuli Bay Park provides camping opportunities to residents and tourists in the Vernon area. The campground receives moderate use. This use will likely increase as the trees planted on very exposed open campsites grow.

The Canadian National Railway right-of-way runs along the lakeshore, separating the boat launch and campers beach from the camping facilities. The narrow strip of lakeshore restricts day use development. The right-of-way has regular rail traffic, affecting public access to the lake and the boat launch.

The **secondary purpose** of the park is to protect the remaining undeveloped upland values and the lakeshore.

Red-listed prairie falcon, bluebunch wheatgrass and black cottonwood and blue-listed western rattlesnake occur in the park. The park is one of the smaller protected areas in the Northern Okanagan Basin, contributing only 0.5% of province-wide protected area representation of this ecosection. Three biogeoclimatic subzone/variants are present - IDFxh1, IDFxh1a and Water. The park is only 1 of 3 protected areas contributing to the IDFxh1a, providing 7.61% of the overall representation of this ecosystem. Much of the IDFxh1a has been developed for recreation purposes.

Known Management Issues	Response
Lack of suitable land and the presence of the active railway right-of-way limit the ability to provide an adequate lake-oriented day use recreation opportunities that would serve travellers and regional residents.	Acquire the lakeshore/upland in-holding northeast of the boat launch should it become available.

Zoning

The entire park (57 hectares) is zoned Intensive Recreation to provide camping and lake-oriented day use recreation opportunities.

CONSERVATION

Representation

- ecosection ☐ Contributes minimally to the under-represented Northern Okanagan Basin Ecosection, providing only 0.5% of the overall provincial representation of this ecosection.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant ☐ Contributes toward the very poorly represented IDFxh1a (1.4%), contributing 7.61% of the province-wide protected area representation of this ecosystem; also contributes minimally to the very poorly represented IDFxh1 (0.01%).

Special Feature ☐

Rare/Endangered Values ■ Western rattlesnake, prairie falcon, bluebunch wheatgrass and black cottonwood

Scientific/Research Opportunities ☐

RECREATION

Representation

- backcountry ☐
- destination ■ Regional destination for Kalamalka Lake boaters
- travel corridor ■ Moderate significance for camping for Highway 97 travellers/Vernon area visitors. This use will increase over time.
- local recreation ■ Primary boat launch on Kalamalka Lake

Special Opportunities ☐

Education/Interpretation Opportunities ☐

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation ☐

Special Feature ■ Kekuli pits

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations ☐

Relationship to Other PAs	■	Boat-access point for many Cosens Bay (Kalamalka Lake Park) boaters
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☐	
Partnerships	■	Funding for acquisition from Federal government and North Okanagan Regional District; regional district also funded facility development
Vulnerability	☐	
Relationship to Other Strategies	☐	

Area: 57 hectares
Date of establishment: March 8, 1990

Zoning Map - Kekuli Bay Provincial Park

Intensive Recreation

Protected Area Boundary